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APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM THEREOF

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Dear Sir:

The official Filing Receipt for the above-identified patent application erroneously misspelled the second inventor's first name as Juihuai Lu. The correct spelling of the name is Jiuhuai Lu (emphasis added). A copy of the Declaration which correctly spells the inventor's name is enclosed along with a copy of the Filing Receipt showing this error.

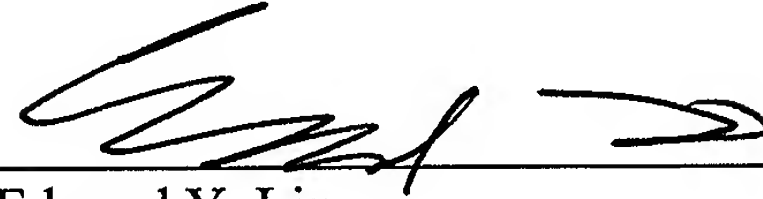
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Respectfully submitted,

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Title

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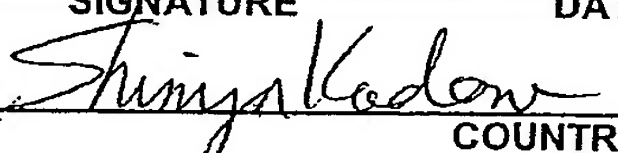
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